

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING**

September 21, 2020

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: President McCormick, Commissioner Serventi, Commissioner Gould, Commissioner Giuntini and City Manager Levitt.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

None

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary

Following a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Commissioner Serventi, the Board voted to: Reelect Ann McCormick as PUB President; reelect Jerry Serventi as Vice President; and reelect the General Manager as PUB Secretary. Commissioner Serventi will continue to serve as the board's Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) representative.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes – Regular Meeting – July 20, 2020
- B. Listing of Bills Paid – July 2020
- B2. Listing of Bills Paid – August 2020
- C. Financial Report – June 2020
- C2. Financial Report – July 2020
- D. Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending June 30, 2020
- D2. Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending July 31, 2020

E. For Information Only, Public Power Week 2020 Activities

F. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Amend the Current Agreement PS 07-15-02 with CLEAResult Consulting Inc. to Extend the Term by One Year and Increase the Compensation by \$160,000, for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$725,008

G. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Innovative Switchgear Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed \$76,800 for 15kV Pad-Mounted Switchgear Per Material Specification No. MS 02-19-01

H. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Issue Purchase Orders to Howard Industries, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$38,200 Per Material Specification No. MS 05-18-01, and to Anixter, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,300 and Power Partners, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,700

I. For Information Only, Summary of 2019 Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Reports

With a motion from a Commissioner Serventi and a second from Commissioner Giuntini, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar.

## 6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. For Information Only, Review of August/September 2020 Electric System Interruptions to Alameda Municipal Power Customers

Following the General Manager's presentation on AMP's August/September 2020 power outages, the commissioners held Board discussion.

Commissioner Serventi said that one of AMP's recent communications on a Stage 2 California Independent System Operator (CAISO) alert did not cover all the areas in Alameda.

General Manager Procos said that AMP has 10 circuits, with each one loosely corresponding to a geographic area. Three circuits have been essentially exempted because they are critical loads. AMP takes into consideration the loads for each circuit, he said.

President McCormick said there is a balance between providing too much information and providing the public with the information they need. Customers were very hungry for information, she said.

AMP and city staff should remind the public to go to AMP's Facebook and webpage for the most accurate information, President McCormick said.

AMP's assistant general manager of Customer Resources did a good job of communicating to customers about the rolling power outages, she said. It very important that AMP had a senior, well-informed person working on the communications related to rolling outages.

In addition, President McCormick said that staff should do more public education to remind Alamedans to seek out AMP's communication channels during power outages.

Commissioner Gould asked General Manager Procos for how long the West End circuit would continue to be the first circuit to experience an outage during a rolling blackout.

General Manager Procos said it has been many years since AMP has had to do rolling outages directed by CAISO. In addition to the CAISO rolling outage, the West End was also impacted by a subsequent outage. He said he agreed that the West End circuit has paid its fair share. In the near future, AMP can commit to going through the other nine circuits before coming back to the West End circuit, he added.

#### **B. For Information Only, Beneficial Building Electrification Customer Programs Proposal**

Following a staff presentation, staff read a comment submitted by Ruth Abbe from Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA). Ms. Abbe said that CASA interns would be happy to support AMP's outreach efforts on electrification opportunities. President McCormick said she hopes AMP can take advantage of Ms. Abbe's offer.

Addressing the presentation, President McCormick said that part of the education will be to inform customers that cooking comprises a small percentage of their gas bill.

While the budget for the proposed building electrification programs looks great, it is a just-getting-started budget, President McCormick said. AMP's fiscal year 2021 budget allows staff to begin work on the programs, but the budget will need to be ramped up to ensure a successful implementation.

President McCormick said that AMP will continue to collaborate with other utilities and other programs – such as the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) – that are working on building electrification initiatives.

Commissioner Serventi said he was excited about AMP's proposed building electrification programs. Referring to slide 28 of the presentation, Commissioner Serventi said he liked the proposal for customized home education to advise homeowners on building electrification measures.

City Manager Levitt praised the proposed programs, noting that they would pursue the goals of the city of Alameda's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP).

Commissioner Giuntini said she supported the proposed programs, adding that the hardest part of the process will be educating customers.

Commissioner Gould said it is good to see the incentives are ramping up in value, adding that he thinks that factor will motivate people to do more electrification.

President McCormick said building electrification programs present a new direction for AMP. Rate design and time-of-use rates could have a big impact on these initiatives as we move forward, she said, and natural gas pricing will continue to go up. There will be a number of factors that will help move these programs forward, she said.

She added that she appreciates staff's posture that AMP will reevaluate new construction programs as it moves forward. President McCormick said she thinks a lot of electrification will be done in new construction, and she appreciates that AMP will keep an eye on that area.

Building electrification will be a big part of the utility's future—for customers and climate action planning, she said.

## 7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### A. General Manager's Report – July and August 2020

General Manager Procos announced to the Board that AMP recently earned two separate top 10 rankings from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for the Alameda Green program. In addition, he updated the Board on AMP's recent webinar on a proposed time-of-use rate for electric vehicle owners.

Commissioner Gould asked General Manager Procos about the NCPA program for low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) credits.

General Manager Procos said that AMP staff had sold LCSF credits, and, in this case, NCPA will aggregate those credits and sell them on behalf of the members. The logic is that higher volumes will get better pricing, he said. The revenues associated from those sales will all come back to the same dedicated fund and will be restricted to electric vehicle (EV) programs.

## 8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Levitt praised AMP staff for their work to address recent service interruptions. In addition, he provided updates on the city budget and the city's work to reimagine policing.

## 9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.